Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, POET Research Center, located in Scotland, South Dakota, was the first commercial scale biofuel plant in South Dakota, and over its 30-year history has grown to become one of South Dakota's leading businesses; and,

Whereas, POET is the largest producer of biofuels and biorefined products in the world, operating 28 bioprocessing locations and employing 1900 team members across seven states; and,

Whereas, POET is a recognized leader in the renewable energy revolution, innovating and investing in agriculture, chemistry and engineering technologies with over 90 granted patents, and is harnessing that same innovative spirit to develop new natural, renewable food sources and alternatives to petrochemicals; and,

Whereas, POET's bioprocessing facilities collectively drive an annual production capacity of more than 1.85 billion gallons of cleaner-burning, homegrown biofuels, 10 billion pounds of high-quality distillers grains, and 550 million pounds of corn oil; and,

Whereas, POET's operation's support more than 4,500 jobs across our state and purchases grain from over 6,000 South Dakota farmers; and,

Whereas, POET is actively involved with community projects and non-profit organizations here in South Dakota, across the country, and the world; and,

Whereas, POET's Founder and CEO, Jeff Broin, founded the non-profit organization Seeds of Change which is improving nutrition and health conditions, teaching sustainable agriculture, and advancing educational opportunities in disadvantaged countries around the globe; and,

Whereas, On November 2, 2017, POET will celebrate 30 years of operation:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2017, as

POET BIOREFINING DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State